

**Security Council**

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Resolution 1297 (2000)

**Adopted by the Security Council at its 4142nd meeting,
on 12 May 2000**

The Security Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1177 (1998) of 26 June 1998, 1226 (1999) of 29 January 1999 and 1227 (1999) of 10 February 1999,

Deeply disturbed by the outbreak of renewed fighting between Eritrea and Ethiopia,

Stressing the need for both parties to achieve a peaceful resolution of the conflict,

Reaffirming the commitment of all Member States to the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Eritrea and Ethiopia,

Expressing its strong support for the efforts of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) to achieve a peaceful resolution of the conflict,

Welcoming the efforts of its Mission to the region and its report of 11 May 2000 (S/2000/413),

Convinced of the need for further and immediate diplomatic efforts,

Noting with concern that the renewed fighting has serious humanitarian implications for the civilian population of the two countries,

Stressing that the situation between Eritrea and Ethiopia constitutes a threat to peace and security,

Stressing also that renewed hostilities constitute an even greater threat to the stability, security and economic development of the subregion,

1. *Strongly condemns* the renewed fighting between Eritrea and Ethiopia;
2. *Demands* that both parties immediately cease all military action and refrain from the further use of force;
3. *Demands* the earliest possible reconvening, without preconditions, of substantive peace talks, under OAU auspices, on the basis of the Framework Agreement and the Modalities and of the work conducted by the OAU as recorded in its Communiqué issued by its current Chairman of 5 May 2000 (S/2000/394);



4. *Resolves* to meet again within 72 hours of the adoption of this resolution to take immediate steps to ensure compliance with this resolution in the event that hostilities continue;

5. *Reaffirms* its full support for the continuing efforts of the OAU, of Algeria its current Chairman, and of other interested parties to achieve a peaceful resolution of the conflict;

6. *Endorses* the Framework Agreement and the Modalities as the basis for the peaceful resolution of the dispute between the two parties;

7. *Endorses also* the 5 May 2000 Communiqué issued by the current Chairman of the OAU, which records the achievements of the OAU-led negotiations up to that point, including the areas of convergence already established between the two parties;

8. *Calls on* both parties to ensure the safety of civilian populations and fully to respect human rights and international humanitarian law;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep the Council fully and regularly informed on the situation;

10. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter.
